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RE: WINTER PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 28, 2010

As you are aware, there was a massive explosion and fire caused by a natural gas pipeline in San Bruno, California on September 9, 2010. In light of this very unfortunate incident, I would like you to be prepared to discuss the following at the referenced workshop:

- 1. Reaction to the possible causes of the San Bruno incident (if known at the time of the workshop).
- 2. The age of the oldest lines you have in your gas system in Arizona.
- 3. How do you prioritize which lines in your gas system in Arizona are in need of replacement due to age and/or condition?
- 4. Possibility of the same type of incident occurring on your gas system in Arizona.
- 5. What is your Company doing to prevent this type of incident from occurring on your gas system in Arizona?

I look forward to your presentation at the Winter Preparedness Workshop.

Sincerely,

Sandra D. Kennedy Commissioner

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